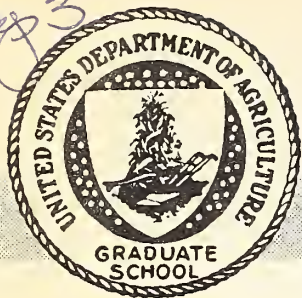


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# Newsletter

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To the Faculty, Committee Members and  
others associated with the Graduate School:

## MY SCHEDULE

is a full one these days. When this reaches you I will be in the Southeast -- first in North Carolina, later in Georgia -- initiating the work I have agreed to do for the Southern Regional Educational Board. I have been asked to explore the possibilities for strengthening graduate instruction and research in basic and applied agricultural sciences in Southern universities and colleges through inter-agency and university cooperation. On this trip I will be visiting with chancellors and deans of the graduate schools, directors of research, department heads, and other school officials in Chapel Hill, Raleigh, Durham, Athens, Atlanta, and possibly one or two other towns.

Later in the month I go to Italy for a meeting of the coordinating committee of FAO in Rome. This 7-man committee, for which I served as chairman when it was set up 2 years ago, has the task of reviewing the program of FAO. We are asked to look ahead to where we think FAO should be going, to consider adjustments that should be made, some of the horizons, and whether the program is creating a more comprehensive understanding of the world's agricultural problems. Out of our discussions will come recommendations and proposals for the FAO biennial conference to be held in 1953. I expect to be back in Washington for the annual meeting of the Land-Grant College Association in November.

An observation on the Sixth International Grassland Congress in August will be of interest to you who are concerned with planning technical meetings. Our experience demonstrated that the small campus community (State College, Pa., in this case), isolated from other attractions, is an ideal place for these meetings. Not easy to reach since there is no plane or train service to the town, it had the advantages of excellent accommodations, no distractions. Everything went off well. The proceedings -- to be published in 2 volumes of about 800 pages each -- will serve as a standard source of information on grasslands for many years to come.

### **THE SCHOOL YEAR OF 1952-53**

moved off to a good start with the faculty dinner. The occasion indicated that good opportunities for GS lie in cooperation with other educational institutions. The dinner was held at the University of Maryland. Harry Trelogan, chairman of the dinner committee, served as an able master of ceremonies. Paul Nystrom of the University of Maryland brought us a gracious welcome to the campus.

I wish all of you could have heard our speaker, E. C. Stakman. A distinguished alumnus of the University of Minnesota, he pleased us with his claim that he would have been an alumnus of GS too if the school had been a going concern in 1911-12. That year he spent in USDA studying in the laboratories of Erwin F. Smith and K. F. Kellerman. In paying tribute to these men and others under whom he worked, Dr. Stakman said he learned from them not only skills in conducting research but more than that a wholesome respect for knowledge and the desire to render service through science. They were productive scholars.

Dr. Stakman has an interesting definition of the productive scholar in terms of what he is not: a pedant, who gets rid of most of his brains to make room for his learning; a scholastic, who juggles intellectual subtleties on an authoritarian base; an academician, who disassociates school from life; a technologist, who is interested in whether a thing will work, but is not concerned with basic principles. The productive scholar is one who compounds depth of insight and breadth of vision into wisdom, who synergizes interest and effort. And he said he believed GS was well organized to turn out productive scholars.

Before Dr. Stakman's address I took the opportunity to outline some of the developments in our plan for cooperating with other schools in providing wider training facilities for Federal workers across the country.

### **ENROLLMENT FOR THE FALL TERM**

is about the same as that of last year. At the beginning of the second week of school, 3,254 students had registered for 173 classes and registrations are continuing. By departments we are offering the following number of classes: 1 in Biological Sciences; 41 in Languages and Literature; 17 in Mathematics and Statistics; 26 in Office Techniques; 14 in Physical Science; 23 in Public Administration; 21 in Social Science; and 30 in Technology. Of the 50 classes canceled because of small enrollment, 16 were in the social sciences and most of these were in international relations. The only two going classes in this section this semester are 7-324, "International Relations"; and 7-478, "Twentieth Century Britain." The decline in enrollments in the international field is rather surprising. Had space been available for the classes, we could have filled additional sections of elementary French, Spanish, and German.

#### NEW TEACHERS SINCE THE CATALOG WENT TO PRESS:

In Biological Sciences - Arthur K. Saz, who is teaching 1-250 Bacteriology. With the National Institutes of Health, he did his undergraduate work at C.C.N.Y., and took his master's at Missouri, his doctorate at Duke. Dr. Saz taught at Duke and Iowa State College and conducted research for the Rockefeller Institute before coming into Government Service.

In Languages and Literature - Joseph Popecki, assistant to the director of libraries at Catholic University, who teaches 2-75 Library Techniques. Students may get credit on this course toward a library degree from C.U. Poe Leggette, an associate professor of speech at George Washington, is giving 2-232 Voice and Remedial Speech this semester during the absence of Walter Emery. Mr. Leggette holds a master's degree from the University of North Carolina.

In Mathematics and Statistics - Howard Edelson of the Food and Drug Administration, who is teaching 3-126 Introductory Statistics in the place of Harald C. Larson. Mr. Edelson, holds an MA from Ohio State University, is also an alumnus of GS.

In Office Techniques and Operations - Alvin Ames, who teaches 4-120 Government Letter Writing, is training officer for Navy's Bureau of Yards and Docks. He holds an MA from Ohio State University. Robert S. Hagan and Augusta Clawson will collaborate with Sarah Ames as instructors for 4-420 Writing Procedures and Instructions. Mr. Hagan, who holds an AB from Dartmouth, is head of directives control point in the office of the Secretary of the Navy. Miss Clawson, head of the Navy directives program, holds an AB from Vassar, and an MA from N.Y.U. Two other Navy employees are giving 4-422 Systems for Reports and Forms Management. These are William B. Rice, program coordinator, who received his training at Fenn College and at George Washington University, and Edward J. Lewis, head of the reports management branch in office methods division, who holds an AB from Brooklyn College.

When illness made it impossible for Jack Tierney to continue teaching 4-112 Federal Accounting Procedures, Ronald Herren took the post. Mr. Herren is with the Government systems accounting branch of Federal Housing and Home Finance.

In Physical Sciences - Lewis D. Kaplan of the Weather Bureau who is teaching 5-534 Introduction to Dynamic Meteorology. He holds a PhD from the University of Chicago. Lloyd Ferguson, associate professor of chemistry, Howard University, who will teach 5-248 Organic Chemistry. Dr. Ferguson did his graduate work at the University of California. The class meets at Howard University.



In Public Administration -- Raymond L. Randall, assistant director of Personnel for Federal Civil Defense, who is teaching 6-435 Selection and Placement. He holds an MS from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.

In Social Sciences -- Claire Holt, regional specialist in Southeastern Asia at State's Foreign Service Institute, who is teaching 7-332 Contemporary Cultures. Mrs. Holt has done field research and study with individual scholars outside universities. Edwin W. Eckard, economist with the Office of Price Stabilization, who is teaching 7-645 Mathematical Economics. A former faculty member of the University of Arkansas, he holds a PhD from Duke.

In Technology -- H. Walter Price, electronics engineer at the Bureau of Standards, who is teaching 8-115 Electronics. He holds a BSEE from Drexel Institute. Paul E. James, an engineer with the Bureau of Human Nutrition and Home Economics, USDA is teaching 8-402 Refrigeration in the place of Harry Garver.

#### AMONG OURSELVES

Thomas N. E. Greville, instructor in Calculus for the past 4 years, has accepted an appointment with TCA of State to serve as technical advisor in health and vital statistics in Brazil.

Ill health has forced Ten M. F. Allsman, since 1948 an instructor in the Department of Office Techniques, to resign from his post with Navy.

Fourteen members of the class in Everyday Spanish taught this past summer by Odilon Ponce signed a letter to me expressing "appreciation for the very pleasant and profitable instruction", and describing Professor Ponce as "an exceptional teacher and leader."

Harald Larsen, who joined the GS faculty in 1946 and has taught in both the Mathematics and Statistics and Social Science Departments, left Washington, September 30, for Iran where he will be director of statistics in the Point IV program.

Virgil Couch of the Office Techniques and Public Administration Departments has been made director of the staff college and training center of Civil Defense.

Sincerely,



Director